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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Pankaj Kumar

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-12 and 26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 May 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rhoads 6286036 in view of Rui 7039199.
3. As per claim 1, Rhoads teaches determining a power delay profile (Rhoads fig. 11: 602; since it is averaged over time, there is inherently a delay); calculating a noise-corrected power delay profile (Rhoads fig. 11: 610, 608, 612, 613, 614, 616); and wherein the step of calculating the noise-corrected power delay profile comprises using a biased noise-floor power estimate (not in Rhoads but would be obvious as explained below), the power delay profile (Rhoads fig. 11: 612, 613 uses 602), and a noise-scaling factor (not in Rhoads but would be obvious as explained below). Rhoads does not teach using a biased noise-floor power estimate and a noise-scaling factor. Rui teaches using a biased noise-floor power estimate (Rui 7039199 col. 5 lines 5-36) and a noise-scaling factor (Rui 7039199 col. 5 lines 5-36). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the teachings of Rui into Rhoads since Rhoads suggests noise (something broad) in general and Rui suggests the beneficial use of biased noise floor power estimate and noise scaling factor such as to perform speech classification (Rui col. 5 lines 7-8) in the analogous art of communication.

4. As per claim 25, Rhoads in view of Rui teaches at least one computer readable medium (Rhoads col. 6 line 51: recording medium); and processor instructions contained on the at least one computer readable medium (Rhoads fig. 2-3, 25 instructions), the processor instructions configured to be readable from the at least one computer readable medium by at least one processor and thereby cause the at least one processor to operate as to (Rhoads fig. 22, fig. 27): determine a power delay profile; calculate a noise-corrected power delay profile; and wherein the calculation of the noise-corrected power delay profile comprises using a biased noise-floor power estimate, the power delay profile, and a noise-scaling factor (remainder discussed above with respect to claim 1).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 13-24 are allowed.

6. Claims 2-12, 26 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The art of record does not suggest the respective claim combinations together and nor would the respective claim combinations be obvious with:

8. As per claims 13-24: a channel estimator; a despreader; and a delay estimator comprises using a biased noise-floor power estimate, the power delay profile, and a noise-scaling factor

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pankaj Kumar whose telephone number is (571) 272-3011. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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